

Masonic Temple
Grove and Washington Streets
Vicksburg
Warren County
Mississippi

HABS No. MS-188

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE MISSISSIPPI		COUNTY WARREN	TOWN OR VICINITY VICKSBURG
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) MASONIC TEMPLE			HABS NO. MS-188
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Grove and Washington Streets (northeast corner)			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1848. (For chain of title see data page 2)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Temple illustrated the survival of late Georgian architecture in conservative Vicksburg. It was considered a locally significant example of mid-nineteenth century public building.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) The simple, yet substantial building had cast-iron lintels, brick pilasters and cornices, and an elliptical, arched doorway frame.			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The load bearing masonry walls stood upon a brick foundation. The brick on the south (entrance) side, and on the east were of common bond. The west (principal) facade was all stretchers.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The rectangular building was three stories high, and numbered fourteen bays along the south side. The roof was a low hip.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE A brick entablature consisting of a wide architrave and frieze, and a cornice with dentils ran across the east and south sides. The south side entrance, subsequently made into a window, was capped by an elliptical fan and flanked by sidelights. Other south side doors were of four panels capped by transoms and lintels. The windows of the south and east sides were capped by simple rectangular lintels. The west side displayed the Masonic emblem which was inset between the second and third floors. West side windows had lintels inscribed with the Masonic seal. All windows had six over six glazing.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Main entrance converted into a window, as noted above. Building demolished in 1973.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Demolished.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The Vicksburg Masonic Lodge was chartered in 1833 with John M Henderson, F.W. Morris, R. J. McGinty, Thomas Rigby, John F. Broadnax, and James Trowbridge as original members. The cornerstone was laid on August 26, 1848.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History. Statewide File. Warren County. Masonic Temple. Project coordinated by Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Elbert R Hilliard, Director. William C Allen, Architectural Historian.			
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"That Part of Lots ninety-three (93) and ninety-four (94), in square sixteen (16), as shown by the plat of the City of Vicksburg, beginning at the intersection of Washington and Grove Streets, and running thence north along Washington Street thirty (30) feet, six (6) inches, thence south parallel with Washington Street thirty (30) feet to Grove Street; thence along Grove Street one hundred and twenty seven (127) feet and six (6) inches to the place of beginning."

Deed Book V, Page 574

October 27, 1848 O. O. Woodman
to the Vicksburg Lodge No. 26 of
Ancient York Masons.
Consideration: \$1,000

Deed Book 146, Page 297

January 31, 1919 Vicksburg Lodge
No. 26, Inc. to the Grand Lodge of
Mississippi of Free and Accepted
Masons in trust for the benefit of
the Masonic Home for Orphans.
Consideration: \$1.00

Deed Book 166, Page 564

January 5, 1927 Vicksburg Lodge
No. 26 to the Vicksburg Masonic
Temple.
Consideration: discharge the in-
debtedness of \$5,000

Deed Book 233, Page 564

March 26, 1946 Vicksburg Masonic
Temple to George Thomas.
Consideration: \$15,000